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Examiner Name	Joyce Tung	
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
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FILING (37 CFR 1.137(f))**Docket Number (Optional)
022041000320

First named inventor: M. Erlander

Application No.: 10/062,857

Art Unit: 1235

Filed: 25 October 2001

Examiner: J. Tung

Title: NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION

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PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.137(f), APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity – fee \$665.00 (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Other than small entity - fee \$_____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

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In re application of:

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Filed: 25 October 2001

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**PETITION UNDER TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 TO WAIVE
THE FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m)**

Office of Petitions

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Dear Madam or Sir:

Applicants respectfully request, under the conditions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.183, a waiver of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) to accompany a Petition for Revival of an application from an unintentional abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(f) and 1.137(b). Alternatively, Applicants request a waiver of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) in favor of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l), which is more appropriate to the instant facts. A Petition for

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Revival under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(f) is enclosed herewith. Also submitted herewith is authority to charge the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h) of \$130.00 as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.183.

The requested waiver will prevent the unjust result of the enclosed Petition for Revival from exacting higher fee (for an unintentional abandonment) from Applicants when the facts of the abandonment in the instant application clearly indicate that the higher fee is not applicable.

Background

The instant application was filed on October 25, 2003, which was after the events of September 11, 2001 and during an ongoing crisis involving the transmission of anthrax spores via the U.S. Postal Service. The application was filed with a Request for Nonpublication.

On December 21, 2001, Applicants filed a corresponding international application based on the instant application under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) at the U.S. Receiving Office (U.S. RO). Unfortunately, Applicants were still without the Application Serial Number for the instant application and so could not file any correspondence in the instant application, such as correspondence required under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(ii)-(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(b)-(c).

Applicants were faced with the fact that 37 C.F.R. § 1.5(a) specifically states that "[n]o correspondence relating to an application should be filed prior to receipt of the application number from the Patent and Trademark Office." The rule also states that any correspondence not containing the application serial number "will be returned to the sender".

Therefore, Applicants waited until receipt of the serial number in the instant application to file a Request to Rescind the previous nonpublication request. This Request to Rescind would have been filed in the instant application along with the corresponding PCT application on December 21, 2001 if the serial number for the instant application was available to Applicants. Prosecution of the instant application continued up to the present, and no notice of abandonment was ever received by Applicants or their agents.

In late March 2003, the undersigned learned of views at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) that a Request to Rescind might not be sufficient to satisfy the notice of

foreign filing within 45 days requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(c). Because the PTO position appeared to be in flux, Applicants filed a communication on May 13, 2003 (mailed May 9, 2003) setting forth the above facts and setting forth Applicants' belief that they satisfied the requirement by virtue of filing the corresponding PCT application with the U.S. RO. The communication also noted that the instant application was apparently delivered to the PTO on February 4, 2002 as evidenced by Attachment A hereto. Attachment A is a copy of a U.S. Postal Service Express Mail tracking page which shows the transit history of the instant application from mailing on October 25, 2001 to delivery on February 4, 2002.

A review of calendar years 2001 and 2002 shows that 45 days from December 21, 2001 (the date of filing for the PCT application) is February 4, 2002, which was the earliest date upon which the PTO could have sent a serial number to Applicants was February 4, 2002. This is consistent with the fact that Applicants' representatives received a return postcard receipt on February 21, 2002. Accordingly, Applicants could not have satisfied the 45 day deadline of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) with a notice because no application serial number was available in light of the facts and so no correspondence could have been made in light of 37 C.F.R. § 1.5(a).

Subsequently, the PTO issued at 1272 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (July 1, 2003) a clarification of its position with respect to the requirement of a notice of foreign filing under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii). The undersigned learned of this clarification on October 30, 2003 during a presentation by Bob Spar, Director of the Office of Patent Legal Administration (OPLA) of the PTO, in San Diego, California.

Specifically, the clarification includes the position that if a Request to Rescind a nonpublication request in a U.S. application is filed before or on the date of a non-U.S. application such as a PCT application, the U.S. application will be treated as if the nonpublication request was never made. This would have been the case for the instant application if Applicants were not unduly delayed by the events after September 11, 2001 in obtaining the serial number of the instant application.

During a discussion of the above with Mr. Spar, the undersigned was directed to contact his office with respect to this issue in the instant application. The undersigned did so on

multiple occasions starting with October 31, 2003 and finally was finally advised that only a Petition to Revive under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(f) and 1.137(b) was available as a remedy.

Analysis and Request

A review of the above facts shows that contrary to the language of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii), which only permits revival of an application for unintentional abandonment, it is entirely possible for an unavoidable abandonment to occur. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that they should not be required to remit the higher fees for an unintentional abandonment when the facts demonstrate that an unavoidable abandonment occurred.

As noted above, Applicants intended to comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.213(c) at the time the corresponding PCT application was filed by filing a Request to Rescind nonpublication in the instant application. If the serial number for the instant application was not unduly delayed, Applicants' intended action would have prevented the abandonment in light of the subsequent PTO clarification at 1272 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (July 1, 2003).

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the requirement of a fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) be waived because the facts of the instant case are not those of an unintentional abandonment. However, Applicants respectfully point out that no waiver of the requirements under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(iii) is sought. Instead, Applicants only seek a waiver of the fee administratively set forth by the PTO at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) and required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(f) and 1.137(b).

Alternatively, Applicants respectfully request that the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m) be waived and substituted by the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) which is applicable in cases of unavoidable abandonment. Obviously, this fee is more applicable in the instant case, where a situation of unavoidable abandonment occurred.

Either of the above requested waivers, if granted, would avoid the unjust result of requiring the higher fees of a revival for unintentional abandonment when the facts are clearly those of an unavoidable abandonment.

Conclusion


In light of the above, Applicants respectfully submits that it would be unjust to require that Applicants pay the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(m), which is applied in cases of unintentional abandonment. While Applicants have complied with the statutory requirements for revival based on an unintentional abandonment because that is the only remedy provided, Applicants believe it to be within the power of the PTO to prevent the injustice of requiring an inappropriate fee where the alternatives of waiving the fee, or substituting the fee with another that is more appropriate, are available.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully requests the granting of this petition and fee waiver.

If the Office of Petitions believes that a discussion with the undersigned may be of help in advancing the issues raised by the instant petition, the undersigned would appreciate the opportunity to assist the Office following contact via the information provided below.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1430, referencing docket no. 022041000320. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,


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